



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 3, 2008

Eleven o'clock

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Claire de Lune

Louis Vierne

* HYMN 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Micah 6)

Leader: With what shall we come before God?

People: Who among the living is worthy to stand in God's presence?

Leader: A gentle and contrite heart God will not despise.

People: A humble spirit God will not turn away.

Leader: Be still before God and wait patiently, for God will appear.

People: We will call upon God, and trust in God's righteousness.

INTROIT

Iain Quinn

The Lord has shown forth his glory; Come, let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever; Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we often forget our identity as your people and therefore fail to witness to your activity in our lives. We confess that there are times when we concentrate on our weaknesses rather than rejoicing over our strengths. You have always reminded us of our responsibilities as the people of God, but too often we tend to postpone until tomorrow what you may be calling us to do today. Merciful God, anoint us with your Spirit so that the words proclaimed by Jesus are heard by us - today - and acted upon by us - today - and fulfilled through our worship, witness and service - today - and in all the days that lie ahead. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. We are God's new creation. Believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579 *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*
Response - *"And also with you."*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes +

* HYMN

○ Wondrous Type (*see insert*)

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

"A Different Time"

Rev. Richard S. Hong

* NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

This Glimpse of Glory

David Ashley White

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Work,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Low and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 581 (choir and congregation)

Joseph Roff

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. . . . And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.—Revelation 3:20

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

BREAD: To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

CUP: Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

ANTHEM

Heavenly Light

A. Kopylow

*Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation,
lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!
Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray.
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be. Light Divine, we praise Thee!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in B-flat Minor

Louis Vierne

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD. ⁶With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they

will be filled. ⁷‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹‘Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰‘Blessed are
those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. ¹¹‘Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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